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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of )

Ben-Chaun DU et al. )

Serial No. 10/082,207 )

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For: PRINTING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IMPROVING )  
QUALITY OF PRINTING IMAGE )

) Examiner: Lam S. NGUYEN

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

The Examiner's Action dated October 4, 2002 has been received and its contents carefully noted. In view thereof, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner and that the application be passed to issue.

Claims 1-14 are presently pending in the instant application.

Initially, with reference to page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has required new corrected drawings for the present application. Particularly, the Examiner notes that Fig. 5 is missing elements AND1-3, AND1-4, and AND1-5 and that in Fig. 8 the word "generation" is spelled incorrectly. Filed concurrently herewith is a Request for Drawing Change Approval wherein the corrections noted by the Examiner have been made. Accordingly, upon indication of allowance of the subject application, formal drawings incorporating the amendments will be filed.

With reference now to paragraph 1 of the Office Action, claims 1-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,142,598 issued to Iwasaki et al. in view of U.S. published Application No. US 2002/0024558 A1 to Fujita et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed in that the Applicants' claimed invention is entitled to a filing date prior to the effective date of the Fujita et al. reference as prior art.

As the Examiner can appreciate, filed concurrently herewith is a verified translation of Applicants' priority document, Application No. 90104548 filed in the Republic of China on

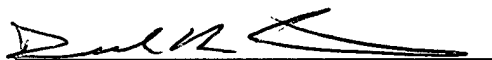
February 27, 2001. It is noted that the filing date of the Fujita et al. reference is August 29, 2001.

Accordingly, with the perfection of Applicants' priority date, it is respectfully submitted that Fujita et al. no longer qualifies as prior art and consequently is not available to the Examiner in rejecting Applicants' claimed invention. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that because the Fujita et al. reference is not prior art to Applicants' claimed invention, Applicants' claimed invention as set forth in claims 1-14 is in proper condition for allowance.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that claims 1-14 be allowed and that the application pass to issue.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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